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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1693

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Cox)**

February 21, 2003

An act to add and repeal Division 4.8 (commencing with Section 4950) of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to public social services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1693, as amended, Wolk. Developmental services: ~~joint services pilot program~~ *closure of developmental centers*.

Under existing law, the State Department of Developmental Services provides a range of services to clients with developmental disabilities.

This bill ~~would require the department to conduct a pilot program, until January 1, 2009, to provide residential and outpatient services to eligible clients, and~~ would authorize the department to exchange developmental center property for real property of equal value in one or more locations in the state in the event that the developmental center is scheduled for closure, *until January 1, 2009*.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting
2 ~~this act to create a five year pilot program within the State this act~~
3 ~~that the State Department of Developmental Services that will~~
4 change the living arrangements for consumers with the most
5 severe or difficult disabilities and who presently live in state
6 developmental centers. It is anticipated that ~~the pilot project will~~
7 ~~these activities may~~ qualify for federal funds made available
8 through the New Freedom Initiative.

9 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that this act provide for all
10 of the following:

11 (1) In the event a developmental center is scheduled to be
12 closed, the State Department of Developmental Services will
13 provide new living arrangements for the three classes of residents
14 that are most difficult to place into community programs. The
15 three classes include adults, children, and adolescents who are
16 severely developmentally disabled and medically fragile, those
17 who have severe behavioral problems, and those with a dual
18 diagnosis of both developmental disability and mental illness.

19 (2) For the three specified classes, the department will provide
20 small homelike settings, owned by the state and staffed by state
21 employees. This arrangement will also be available to individuals
22 with similar needs who are living at home or in other community
23 residential settings.

24 ~~(3) The pilot program will provide a central hub of services for~~
25 ~~consumers living in state-owned, state-operated facilities. The hub~~
26 ~~will provide various services, such as medical, dental, educational,~~
27 ~~social, rehabilitation, assistive equipment, nutritional, and~~
28 ~~pharmacy services. On a fee-for-service basis, these services shall~~
29 ~~be available to consumers living in the community or in their own~~
30 ~~homes.~~

31 ~~(4)~~

32 (3) The department will be permitted to exchange state surplus
33 property with other agencies, public or private, for fair market
34 value. A developmental center's property shall become surplus
35 only after a final decision to close the developmental center is
36 made. It is the intent of the Legislature that a portion of the
37 property of the developmental center being closed shall be used to
38 establish the central ~~service services~~ hub and residential facilities.

1 ~~(5) If more funds are needed for the pilot program, it will be~~
2 ~~appropriate for the department to request issuance of revenue~~
3 ~~bonds and use of Medi-Cal funds to pay the bond debt, to the extent~~
4 ~~permitted by law.~~

5 SEC. 2. Division 4.8 (commencing with Section 4950) is
6 added to the Welfare and Institutions Code, to read:

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8 DIVISION 4.8. ~~JOINT SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM~~
9 ~~CLOSURE OF DEVELOPMENTAL CENTERS~~

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11 ~~4950. (a) The State Department of Developmental Services~~
12 ~~shall conduct a pilot program to provide residential and outpatient~~
13 ~~services. The residential services shall be provided to consumers~~
14 ~~who meet the requirements of subdivision (c).~~

15 ~~(b) (1) The program and its facilities shall be staffed and~~
16 ~~administered by state employees. The program shall be based at a~~
17 ~~central services hub, the location of which shall be determined by~~
18 ~~the department.~~

19 ~~(2) The pilot program shall establish the central services hub~~
20 ~~for consumers living in state-owned, state-operated facilities that~~
21 ~~will provide services including, but not limited to, medical, dental,~~
22 ~~education, social, rehabilitation, assistive equipment, nutritional,~~
23 ~~and pharmacy services.~~

24 ~~(3) The program shall provide residential services at the central~~
25 ~~services hub or in state-owned, state-operated residences~~
26 ~~established in close proximity to the central services hub for~~
27 ~~purposes of the pilot program. The program shall provide~~
28 ~~outpatient services to eligible members of the community residing~~
29 ~~in non-state-operated residences, including, but not limited to,~~
30 ~~group homes, supported living arrangements, or the client's own~~
31 ~~home.~~

32 ~~(c) The following individuals shall be eligible for services~~
33 ~~under the pilot program:~~

34 ~~(1) Adults, children, and adolescents with severe~~
35 ~~developmental disabilities who have a significant need for medical~~
36 ~~and nursing care.~~

37 ~~(2) Adults, children, and adolescents with severe behavioral~~
38 ~~problems.~~

39 ~~(3) Adults, children, and adolescents with a dual diagnosis of~~
40 ~~developmental disability and mental illness.~~

1 ~~4952.—~~

2 4950. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the
3 event that a state developmental center is scheduled for closure, the
4 State Department of Developmental Services shall have the
5 authority to exchange the developmental center property for real
6 property of equal value in one or more locations in the state. The
7 exchange may be made with any public or private entity with an
8 interest in acquiring all or part of the developmental center
9 property.

10 (b) Property received by the State Department of
11 Developmental Services pursuant to this section shall include
12 sufficient structures to provide both outpatient services and
13 residential facilities for clients of the developmental center that has
14 been scheduled for closure.

15 (c) Any contract for the exchange of property pursuant to this
16 section shall be finalized prior to the closure of the developmental
17 center.

18 4954. This division shall remain in effect only until January
19 1, 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
20 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends
21 that date.

